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## Man Charged with Killing Girlfriend in Monrovia

A 49-year-old man was charged today with the murder of his girlfriend, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Felony complaint GA094662 charges Joel Velazquez (dob 12/14/64) of Valinda, with one count of murder with the allegation that he had a felony conviction in 2011 for criminal threats.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department D of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Pasadena Branch.

The 46-year-old victim was killed on Sept. 21. Her body was discovered inside an SUV parked behind a house owned by her parents on the 200 block of Mauna Loa Drive in Monrovia, prosecutors said.

If convicted of all charges, the defendant faces a possible maximum sentence of 30 years to life in state prison.

The requested bail is more than \$1 million.

Deputy District Attorney Melanie Buccat is the assigned prosecutor.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Homicide Division.

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### About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.